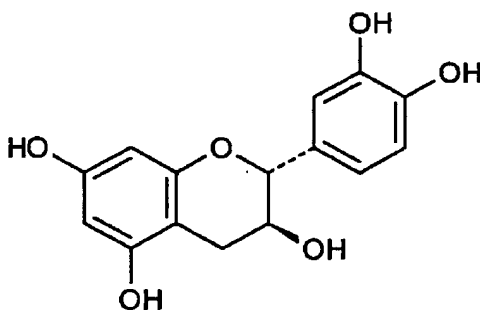


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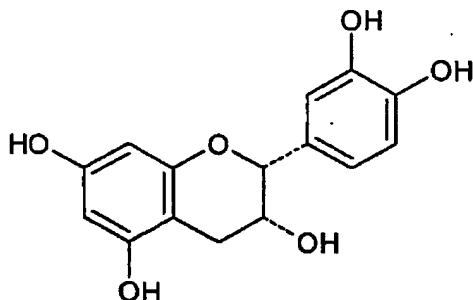
5. A method for the treatment, and/or care of dry skin in a human in need thereof which comprises applying to the skin of the human a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising of 0.001-10% by weight of a catechin, a gallic ester of a catechin, or mixtures thereof, based on the total weight of the composition.
6. The method for the treatment, and/or care of dry skin according to Claim 5, wherein the catechin or gallic ester of a catechin are selected from the group consisting of (-)-catechin, (+)-catechin, (-)-catechin gallate, (-)-gallocatechin gallate, (+)-epicatechin, (-)-epicatechin, (-)-epicatechin gallate, (-)-epigallocatechin, and (-)-epigallocatechin gallate.
7. The method for the treatment, and/or care of dry skin according to Claim 5, wherein the catechin is



or a gallic ester thereof.

8. The method for the treatment, and/or care of dry skin according to Claim 5, wherein the catechin is

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or a gallic ester thereof.

9. A method for the treatment, and/or care of dry skin according to Claim 5, wherein the catechin or gallic ester of a catechin is obtained from a plant.
10. A method for the treatment, and/or care of dry skin according to Claim 9, wherein the catechin or gallic ester of a catechin is obtained from a plant from the *Theaceae* plant family.
11. A method for the treatment, and/or care of dry skin according to Claim 9, wherein the catechin or gallic ester of a catechin is obtained from the plant species *Camellia sinensis*.
12. A method for the treatment, and/or care of dry skin in a human in need thereof which comprises applying to the skin of the human a therapeutically effective amount of an extract from a plant or plant parts which comprises a catechin, a gallic ester of a catechin, or mixtures thereof.

**Please cancel claims 13-25.**